

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for mitigating toe strike in a cockpit of an aircraft, comprising:  
providing an airbag module ~~attached~~ mounted to a bottom surface of an instrument console located in the cockpit of the aircraft;  
releasing an airbag from the airbag module after an ejection sequence begins; and  
using the airbag to protect a pilot's lower limbs from striking the instrument console as the pilot begins ejecting.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the airbag module is flush mounted on a said bottom surface of the instrument console.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the airbag is a balloon type airbag.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of releasing an airbag includes releasing a balloon type airbag and at least one side curtain type airbag.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the airbag module is surface mounted on a said bottom surface of the instrument console.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the airbag is a balloon type airbag.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1,~~ A method for mitigating toe strike in a cockpit of an aircraft, comprising:  
providing an airbag module mounted to an instrument console located in the cockpit of the aircraft;  
releasing an airbag from the airbag module after an ejection sequence begins; and  
using the airbag to protect a pilot's lower limbs from striking the instrument console as the pilot begins ejecting,

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using the airbag to protect a pilot's lower limbs from striking the instrument console as the pilot begins ejecting,

wherein the airbag module is mounted on a rear surface of the instrument console and flush with a said bottom surface of the instrument console.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of releasing an airbag includes releasing a balloon type airbag and at least one side curtain type airbag.

9. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said releasing said airbag in a first direction opposite of a second direction of said pilot after said ejection sequence begins.

10. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein said releasing said airbag in a substantially downward direction opposite of an upward direction of said pilot after said ejection sequence begins.

11. (New) A method for mitigating toe strike in a cockpit of an aircraft, comprising:  
providing an airbag module mounted to an instrument console located in the cockpit of the aircraft;

releasing an airbag from the airbag module after an ejection sequence begins; and  
using the airbag to protect a pilot's lower limbs from striking the instrument console as the pilot begins ejecting,

wherein said cockpit comprises a floor, said releasing said airbag in a direction of said floor.